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Season-ender

The Romulus High School Eagles had a banner post-season capped off Monday night when they appeared in front of the city council. The girls, who won their district final against Temperance-Bedford and played in the regional before being defeated by Dearborn Edsel Ford in November, were individually introduced and had the opportunity to shake hands with Mayor Alan Lambert. In attendance were (left to right, back row) Erica Wilson, Assistant Coach Jasmine Knowles, Assistant Coach Ryann Kilgore, Coach Candace Finely, Assistant Coach Kuwan Ward and Jasmine Brown. In the center row are Tityona Lowe, Kanaya Williams, Chantal Payne and Christine Wells. In front is Christina Barnett.

Council approves special site plan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved a special land use request from an asphalt paving company that has plans to expand by building a facility on Huron River Drive.

Blue Ribbon Contracting sought the special land use request in November from the Romulus Planning Department on behalf of Rey-Mart Asphalt.

The land, which is zoned for light industrial development, does permit contractor yards if a petitioner can obtain special land use approval.

The site – which is used to store equipment and vehicles used for laying and repairing asphalt – was reviewed by the planning commission in 1991, with 4 of the 8.9 acres of the property used as a contractor's yard. Since the approval, however, Rey-Mart located on the land, and the contractor's yard was moved – without planning commission approval.

The situation came to the attention of city officials when Rey-Mart announced its intention to buy 2.9 acres of the site for the asphalt business.

Councilman John Barden said that although there was movement by Rey-Mart that went unnoticed

by city officials, it would not be in the best interest of the city to derail the planning commission's approval of the project.

"I don't think that when businesses move things around on their property that it's intentional," he said. "As long as they provided everything to the planning commission that is required, it's OK."

Barden also added that he didn't think such moves by companies were intentional, and that the city needed to better communicate what it required from businesses on an ongoing basis.

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King day has some new features

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Residents in Romulus will once again pull out all of the stops to remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King next Monday.

The annual celebration, which is jointly sponsored by the Romulus Community School District, the City of Romulus and

the Romulus Ministerial Alliance, will begin with a ceremonial walk.

The route this year has changed, however. Residents and students will begin the walk from Cory Elementary School on Wayne Road to Romulus High School, which is also on Wayne Road.

Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said the route was changed to help participants make a state-

ment about Dr. King's goals.

"This was an important year in a lot of ways, with the loss of affirmative action and the dedication of the King memorial in Washington DC," she said. "We wanted to show a united front and let people know that we are working towards equality."

After the walk, students, resi-

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Officials' attitude 'hopeful'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Officials hope state legislators will be able to craft laws and provisions that will benefit the financial and business development needs of local communities during the new session.

One of the ways to accomplish that goal is to have representatives well placed on committees, said State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), who hopes his new position as vice chair of the Transportation Committee will put both Wayne and Romulus in a better position to capitalize on future opportunities.

"We're the only major city that does not have adequate mass transit that transports people who either prefer not to drive or can't drive to and from a job," he said. "It makes sense that we have some sort of transportation here, and that it run to the (Detroit Metropolitan) Airport."

Basham – who represents both Romulus and Wayne – said he's pleased with the federal funding secured by Sen. Debbie Stabenow to study the usefulness of a light rail from Detroit to Ann Arbor, but said he does not advocate it following Michigan Avenue – or going right through the heart of Wayne. He did say he would like to see a stop on the rail in both Romulus and Wayne, however.

Individual committee assignments – which have been announced by the Senate leadership – often don't equate more activity in the districts of the senators assigned to them, but can bring to light several issues that may be positively impacted because of the visibility of the committee.

Either way, Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said he's hopeful transportation issues can be addressed.

"I certainly hope we can get some things up there – the transportation issue is vitally important to us," he said.

Romulus is in the midst of a development boom near the airport that would provide jobs for people throughout the region, if they can get to the place of work. The proposed casino and race-

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Belleville begins city hall computer upgrades

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The first phase of technology upgrades were approved for Belleville City Hall recently. Included are new computers, a new website and ultimately, better communication and service for the public, officials said.

Within the next 30 days, the

city will have a new computer network to replace the 7-year-old system. It will provide general Internet access and city officials will be able to receive emails for the first time at city hall, along with a better Internet service.

"Work efficiency is nowadays needed," said City Manager Steve Walters. "We'll be able to keep information more current and

people will be able to have more contact with city officials."

Computer Builder's Warehouse of Roseville will provide the network installation using a 3-year financing offer for about \$23,341. The funds will come from the Public Improvements Fund and part of the facilities improvement contribution from the Downtown Development Authority.

"This plan has an advantage of the hardware supplier and installer being the same vendor. That way problems involving hardware versus software issues are easier to resolve," said Walters. "It will allow this at a fairly reasonable cost to better serve the public."

A new phone system and Interactive website will come

next. The website will have meeting schedules, agendas, applications and forms that can be downloaded by the public. The phone system will include basic features like caller ID and call waiting that the current city system does not have.

Overall, there will be a lot of pluses for the general public, officials said.

Distinguished alumni nominations are due

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Van Buren Public School District is looking for nominations for the Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame program and the deadline for nominations is tomorrow.

The program was enacted by the board of education in 1998 to recognize five honorable graduates from Belleville High School who have brought distinction to the community.

Nominees must have graduated from Belleville High School prior to 1997. Candidates also much have: distinguished themselves in their chosen profession through outstanding individual performance, leadership or recognized success in a particular field of

work; and/or contributed or volunteered leadership, time, effort and resources to benefit the greater Belleville area or other communities.

Graduates of Belleville High School who are deceased, but meet the aforementioned criteria can be nominated for the posthumous category.

Nominations can be made by contacting the Van Buren Public Schools Communications Department at (734) 697-9123 ext. 224 or by mail to: Nomination-Distinguished Graduate Program Communications Department, Van Buren Public Schools, 555 West Columbia Ave. Belleville, MI 48111.

Winners will be honored at the Belleville High School National Honor Society induction in May.

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Soldiers make holiday stop before going to war

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Shylah Brooks, 25, of Belleville knows what it's like to have a family member away from home.

Her husband, Sgt. Darwin Brooks Jr., will be one of the 170 soldiers of the Michigan National Guard 1-182 unit who will leave for Iraq this month. It will be his second time deployed since 2004.

"Each time he goes over there it's different and, honestly, fear is the first thing that goes through my mind," Brooks said. "It's natural to feel that. My biggest fear is that something might happen, but I'm very proud of him for the decisions he's made. He's not just protecting us, but everybody."

Darwin Brooks, 25, is currently stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey, but got an unexpected surprise this holiday season. He was sent home for the holidays thanks to area businesses, including Mighty Key LLC. of Farmington Hills

and the Family Readiness Groups for Military throughout Michigan.

Shylah Brooks and her two sons, 6-year-old Darwin and 3-month-old Damon, were beyond excited and surprised, she said.

"Things are never certain in the military so I didn't even tell my son Darwin he was coming home. When he woke up in the morning he saw his dad," she said.

"The holidays are especially hard, but it's an everyday thing," she added. "As an adult you feel like you can manage, but when you have kids it's even harder."

The donations of chartered buses by Bianco Tours brought the soldiers back to Michigan and, food, supplies and other gifts were provided, too. Jen Bayer, media coordinator for the Family Readiness Group, said when the soldiers arrived they couldn't get off the buses fast enough.

"It's horrible to be away from a loved one because you never know what's going to happen," she said. "It was emotional to watch and brought back a lot of memories for me,

too."

Soldiers also received USB drives that will allow them to reach family and friends through Internet access while overseas. They can write letters, save them to a memory key and their letter will be received during their designated online time. It allows the soldiers to save their letters to the onboard memory, back up files and create secure folders on the computer. Even if the Mighty Key or computer is destroyed, their letters, pictures and other digital valuables will be safe in the databanks, according to the organization.

"These men and women are putting their lives on the line halfway across the world," said Cliff Hicks, co-founder of Mighty Keys. "When we found out we could help our local soldiers stay in touch with their loved ones, it was a no-brainer."

The Family Readiness Group will most likely do the same thing next year, as well, Bayer said—bring the soldiers back home for the holidays.

News in brief

State of the city scheduled

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert will give the State of the City address at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce meeting on Jan. 16.

The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., and Lambert's address will begin at noon.

The cost to attend the event is \$15 per person for chamber members, and \$18 for non-members.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Chamber to sponsor wine tasting event

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host a Silent Auction and Wine Tasting Dinner.

The wine tasting and auction will take place Feb. 9 at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott Hotel in Romulus, and is a fundraiser for the group.

Tickets are still available for the event. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Seniors can get help with Medicare D

Senior citizens who need help finding out which aspects of the new Medicare D program would benefit them most can stop by the Romulus Senior Center for assistance.

Linda Peak, a case manager for the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to assist senior citizens in signing up for Medicare Plan D.

Seniors are asked to bring their Social Security and Medicare cards, a list of medications, proof of income, and any paperwork they have received about Plan D or the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program from the government.

The Romulus Senior Center is located at 36525 Bibbens Road.

For more information, call the Romulus Senior Center at (734) 955-4120.

Housing group looks for applicants

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is seeking prospective homebuyers who have faced some hardships in the hopes of getting them approved for a new home.

Alice Dent, the director of Habitat, is hosting an informational meeting for homebuyers from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road. During the event, Dent will outline all of the possibilities for qualified home buyers, and all of

the requirements.

Habitat for Humanity was founded by former President Jimmy Carter. The founding principal of the group is to provide affordable housing for people who think homeownership may be out of their reach. Each homeowner actually assists in the renovation or construction of their home, and many will help build other homes in a community.

The western Wayne County branch has built homes in Inkster, Wayne, Canton

Township, Taylor and Redford Township. The branch is based in Plymouth.

For those who are interested in applying for a Habitat home, this orientation meeting is required. Further counseling about mortgages and other homeownership topics are also required throughout the application process.

For more information, call Dent at (734) 459-7744, or visit the organization's Web site at www.habitatwwc.org.

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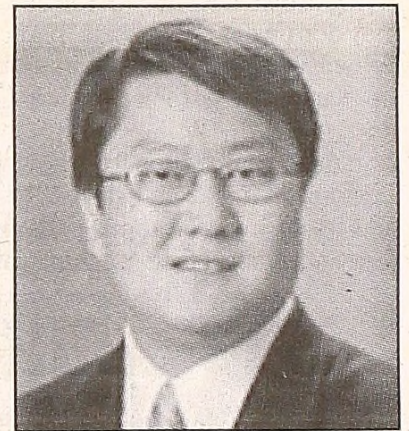
track are expected to bring about 3,000 jobs, and the Metro World development is expected to bring more retail and high-tech jobs to the area.

The Michigan House of Representatives has not yet announced committee assignments. Outside of committee work, however, the most important issue for local communities is the replacement of the Single Business Tax (SBT), which was eliminated in November, said State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor).

"I thought we'd be able to get a plan (to replace the SBT) approved in the lame duck session," and I'm disappointed that we didn't," he said. "It's the most pressing thing on the agenda and we need to get something in



Ray Basham



Hoon-Yung Hopgood

place so local communities can move forward – right now, if a company is looking for a place to locate, they're going to ask us, 'What's your business tax?' And we can't answer that."

Both Wayne and Romulus have automotive plants – GM and Ford, respectively – that are affected by not having the SBT situation resolved.

"If either of those companies

wanted to expand, it would be difficult to negotiate with them because of those unknowns," said Basham.

The SBT generated about \$2 billion, which paid for statewide services. Some of those funds are dispersed to local communities.

Talks about the SBT and how to shore up sagging revenue will begin in both chambers of the legislature next week.

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Rey-Mart agreed as part of the land use application to make improvements, and will add a private driveway near the rear of the facility to provide access to additional vacant property. The company has also agreed to plant 33, 4-foot tall shrubs to obscure vehicles and construction equipment from view. The lighting plan for the site is being revised, and an underground fuel storage tank will be removed.

Rey-Mart was required to meet seven standards for the land use approval. The first is that they needed to be located in a predominantly industrial area. The company also needed to ensure that the site is improved using landscaping, that access in and out of the facility is improved, that the

layout of the land minimize nuisances and noise, that provisions be made to contain dust and particles, and that adjacent businesses and residences will not be affected by operations.

A public hearing scheduled by the Romulus Planning Commission Dec. 18 reviewed the plan and allowed residents and business to air their concerns. Two letters criticizing the project were read into the record, and one resident present at the hearing supported the approval of the application.

City Planner Cynthia Lyon recommended the approval of the application, and the seven-member commission voted to approve the measure.

City council members unanimously voted to approve the application Monday night, bringing the issue to a close.

Representatives from Rey-Mart were unavailable for comment.

King - Program begins with early Monday morning walk

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dents and city officials will enjoy a breakfast donated by the Romulus Education Association from 8:30-10 a.m.

After the breakfast, a program will take place from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Romulus High School auditorium.

The details of that program are still being worked on, according to Craig-Bragg.

"This has really been a good collaboration for the city and the school district," she said. "The city administration and the mayor (Alan Lambert), will be involved. All of the schools will be represented."

County and state officials have in the past taken part in events honoring Dr. King in the city, and the planners of the ceremony are pursuing their participation again this year, Craig-Bragg said.

Each year, there is a theme for the King celebration. This year, it's "Living Out the Dream... Pass it On. During the event, residents will be given small cards and will be asked to do good deeds and pass the card on. The concept is based on the film, "Pay it Forward."

The joint effort between the churches, schools and city has been well-received in Romulus, which hosts one of the biggest events in western Wayne County.

Craig-Bragg said the event wouldn't have taken off without cooperation.

"It just gets bigger and better each year," she said. "There's so many people involved in it... the Rev. (Arthur) Willis is involved, Tom Dolan from the schools plays a role – and we've done some good things with the event. One year, we collected hats and gloves for the homeless."

Parking for the event is expected to be limited. Walkers can park either at Cory School at 35200 Smith Road at Wayne Road, or at Community High School at 9650 South Wayne Road. A shuttle service will be available to take walkers to Cory from Community High.

OPINION

Time to say thanks

With all the growing concern about bond issues, finances and funding, it's easy to overlook one thing about local school board members.

They do a lot of good work.

January has been set aside as School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank people who traditionally do a thankless job.

Serving on the school board is an important, and often overlooked, duty. Most people tend to not show up at meetings unless they're angry at something or someone and they often overlook the many positive things for which school board members are responsible.

Throughout the state, there are 4,000 school board members serving in 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts, according to the Michigan Association of School Boards. Collectively, they oversee an educational budget of \$12 billion and make decisions that affect 1.7 million students in kindergarten through their senior year in high school.

They are responsible for the kinds of decisions that often get parents in an uproar: school boundaries and school policies, decisions on how best to use the facilities they have and how to smartly prepare for the future. It's usually a volunteer job, too.

Perhaps the greatest misconception about those who serve on school boards is the amount of time involved. It's not just attendance at a meeting every two weeks. There are countless subcommittee meetings that take place between those, innumerable events to attend. It's not a hat that you can take off once the microphones shut down, either. They're out there in the community open for comments at all times.

School boards in general will face many difficult decisions this year. There's the perpetual funding issues looming over their heads—how to deal with dramatically increasing costs with a relatively stagnant revenue stream while at the same time getting the word out that this difficulty did not start locally, but is a symptom of a state-wide problem. Some districts, like Plymouth-Canton and Northville, are trying to deal with growth issues at a time when voters have told them they don't want another tax increase. Districts like the Inkster Public Schools are tasked with continuing the improvement they've shown in recent years as they continue to attract more students back into the district. Wayne-Westland, one of the largest districts in the state, faces continued competition from neighbors, too.

In short, it isn't an easy job. We salute those who take up the call and try to improve their community despite the many difficulties they know they'll face. We think you should, too.

Some smart choices

The votes on the Westland City Council set up an interesting political dynamic for the remainder of the year.

The choice of Charles Pickering for council president was fairly predictable—Pickering has done a good job in the role in the past—but the election of Cheryl Graunstadt to president pro tem was a bit of a surprise. Still, we like the move; it will give her a chance to expand her political boundaries and perhaps give more weight to her opinions.

Likewise, the appointment of Bill Wild to the mayoral spot is a good one. Wild has showed confidence and poise throughout his term as council president and we think he'll prove a worthy successor to Sandra Cicirelli, who was elected as judge of the 18th District Court.

Wild has said that one of his inherited problems—the ongoing issue at Central City Park—will be the focus of his administration. He

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A woman who'll be missed

One of my first Westland City Council memories is of Mildred Evans.

I was new to the beat, just finding my way around the city as our newspaper group had re-absorbed The Eagle. I had only heard stories about city council proceedings at that time, and it was enough to make me sit near the back of the room, near the exit.

I don't remember what she was talking about—I think it was something vaguely critical that Council President Chuck Pickering acknowledged with cheerful grace—I only remember shaking my head and wondering what I had gotten myself into.

Looking at her coffin Monday afternoon, I now wonder what the city has lost.

That was just the first of many memories of Millie, who passed away on Friday at the age of 90. Anyone who has been to a Westland City Council meeting or watched one on television probably knows who she was, a spunky old woman who was passionate about her community.

I didn't realize it at first, to be honest. I thought she was a little out there—someone with more con-

spiracy theories than Fox Mulder from the X-Files.

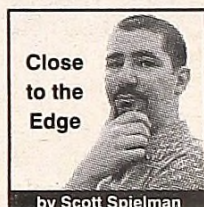
It was only through watching and listening to her—both at the meetings and here at the office—that I gradually realized that Mrs. Evans was something of a fading breed, that old school community watchdog who hears things that other people don't and points out things that other people wouldn't. She was passionate about her city, her neighbors—particularly those who couldn't look after themselves or were too shy to stir up the pot. She certainly was not.

You can say a lot of things about her, but shy wouldn't enter the equation. Mrs. Evans was outspoken and opinionated and she didn't care whose feathers she ruffled as she made her case.

Sure, she wasn't always on the mark—who is? But there was one consistent thing about all her criticisms, her statements and her questions. Her heart was in the right place.

She would often call me here at the office. It was

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A real life-changing experience

Another year is gone.

Looking back on the last year, I realized that I don't really remember too much of it. Like most, it was just a blur falling into the vast kaleidoscope of past years. I'm sure a lot of people can relate.

Entertainment wise, I saw way too many bad movies and not enough good ones. It was so bad at one point that I had to take a short hiatus from reviewing film.

As far as sports is concerned it was business as usual. I covered a lot of exciting games—football, soccer, hockey basketball and more—throughout the seasons. I talked to several first-rate coaches, some talented athletes and proud parents. I met a lot of new people within the communities and rekindled relationships with some from past years. I took a few good pictures and a lot of bad ones. What can I say? I'm still learning. I wrote a lot of articles but probably not enough columns or features. However, at the end of the day, or year in this case, I'd like to think I made a difference. Then again, that's what keeps me going.

While I have seen a lot there are few things that really stick out.

Although I would like to say that standing on the sidelines of Ford Field taking pictures of Inkster in its first state championship football game was the highlight of the year, it wasn't.

The one thing that does hold a special place in my mind and heart was the article I wrote about

Inkster basketball player Jonathan Brown. He earned a scholarship to a small college in Kalamazoo despite living on his own and being homeless at one point through high school.

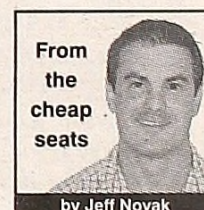
After reading the feature, an Inkster alumnus, who is a now successful businesswoman, offered Brown financial assistance on top of his scholarship. That's the one time that I really felt I made a difference. Although there is a lot of criticism that goes with being a journalist, it's moments like that that make me keep going. It's not so much the feeling that I helped change his life; it's more like he helped change mine.

On top of that, Brown stays in contact and genuinely seems thankful. All I did was write his story.

Brown isn't the only student athlete to snag a scholarship. There were several and to them: Congratulations! And remember the end of high school is really just the beginning—make the most of what is given to you and then make the rest happen on your own.

It's a shame that more stories like Brown's don't stand out for me.

I guess memories like that are like grains of sand swirling about a glass of water—a glass that fills up more with each passing year, threatening to overflow. It's a goal of mine to empty that glass of water and fill it with more sand.



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Ignoring reality

Ahhhhh a New Year, the time where everyone seems optimistic, there are endless possibilities and almost everything is promising.

I, too, find myself falling into the New Year's trap, but weeks into 2007 and it's back to reality.

Looking back over 2006 in the Belleville area, my past predictions were full of hope. I wanted to see a new high school for the Van Buren Public School District, a decision on the Belleville Central Dispatch Network that would make everyone happy, and more state funding for communities and schools.

See, that's where the optimism comes into play again.

However, it turns out the year wasn't all bad, after all.

Here are some of the highlights: Van Buren Township saw the completion of the new fire station—Fire Station 2—something that was beyond desperately needed. A new foundation was started—The Van Buren Public School Education Foundation—to generate funds and enhance the staff, students and community with new projects and purchases. The City of Belleville gained a new councilmember, while Van Buren Township also got a new trustee. There were several community cel-

ebrations—the Strawberry Festival, the Harvest Fest and the Christmas Parade—where thousands of people attended and, both a new community theater group and band were formed, as well.

For 2007, I'm making some predications of my own: Belleville will see a new city manager once Steve Walters retires in April; Belleville will have the financial records in line, including the budget—thanks to a city treasurer/clerk/financial person in charge; another fire station—Fire Station 1—will be completed and up and operating; the Belleville Horizon Park project will be completed; Van Buren Township will see park improvements from the Wayne County grant funds that will be put to use and, residents will see a water and sewer rate increase, one that has not been given to Belleville residents in quite some time.

OK, so some of those predictions were a little obvious, and, I'm sure they're shared with many others, but they're still mine, too.

This year, heck, I'm just going to throw it out there: it's going to be a better year than the last. I think people have to tell themselves that just to make through. At least I do.



King's Court

by Andrea King

Letters

Teens want puzzles

To the editor:

I am writing to you to ask why you do not put crosswords, word searches and other puzzle games in the newspaper.

I think that you should do this so that the paper would be more fun for people like kids. I am 14 years old and I like to do the puzzle games off of the Detroit paper. So I ask you please put puzzle games in *The Wayne Eagle*.

The Diogo Brothers,
Wayne

Couples actions commended

To the editor:

I would like to commend David and Chris Sherwood for having the "guts" to get involved.

This couple saved the baby's life, and with time, I hope a great foster family will adopt this baby and give it a good life. It always amazes me the cruelty of human

beings towards defenseless babies and children. David and Chris deserve all the accolades this community has to offer. God Bless you for "interfering".

We need more citizens like this in our community. The Sherwoods have set a great example that the rest of us can follow in our daily living.

Clarice Killian,
Canton

School official says thanks

To the editor:

Thank you for publicizing our pancake supper on Dec. 12

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Andrew Lindsay,
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at things differently. I appreciate her for that.

Her long illness prevented her from attending many city council meetings during the past year or so, but her presence was always felt. People frequently asked after her and wished her well through those who knew her better than I did.

Those council meetings may be shorter, now. They may be a bit more tame. They're also a little less colorful.

of its own. Some troubling results among the residents tested for lead contamination didn't help the matter, although it may be difficult to determine if those results stemmed from time at the park or came from elsewhere.

Still, with an issue like this, it's best to follow the old saying: better safe than sorry. At a time of year when the park doesn't see as much use, it makes sense to limit the liability of the city and keep it closed until more answers are developed. Wild has shown positive initiative here, and has handled the issue in the best way possible.

Mildred

FROM PAGE 5

never at a good time, always when I was in the middle of eight different things. The calls were usually antagonistic—or so I thought at the time. She was a critic, a continual critic, but through that she pushed me to do more, ask more and look

Choices

FROM PAGE 5

has already started to make good on that promise, acting immediately to fully fence off the troubled land.

That's probably a good move, too. When news first broke of the potential for lead contamination in portions of the park, we thought the issue might have been a little overblown. Perhaps carried by a relatively slow new cycle toward the end of the year. It has since taken on a life

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Area soldier completes 2nd tour in Iraq, heads for Texas

Scott Spielman
Editor

The hard part of military service may be over for Anthony Stabile.

The Wayne resident rejoined his army troop last week, but headed for Fort Hood after two successful tours in Iraq.

"It was not how I imagined it, that's for sure," he said.

An army specialist e-4 for the Echo 167 Company, Stabile joined the army in February of 2003 when he was 20 years old. He missed the invasion by a couple of months, he said, but was in the country when Saddam Hussein was captured.

"I've always loved the army since I was a kid," he said. "It was something I always wanted to do."

He spent two tours in Iraq—a 9-month deployment and a 12-

month deployment—and should be done with his active service in March. He'll be a reserve for another year, though, and he's learned to be a little skeptical of army deadlines. He was originally supposed to be through with active service last February, but was told that wouldn't happen.

Stabile has served a variety of roles in the armed service, but the most common one is to search for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). He said his company moved around a lot, checking roadways in various locations. It's a tense job, driving along at 10 mph, searching roadsides for 10 hours a day—when you don't know exactly what you're looking for.

"Sometimes they're buried in the ground, sometimes they're stuck in bushes or hidden in cars," he said. "There are all

kinds of places where you can hide them."

When they do find them, they radio for a removal unit—even though Stabile and his unit are trained in explosives and can safely dismantle the bombs, themselves. The removal units get the benefits—including increased pay—that Sabile's does not, even though their work is not as hazardous.

"By the time they get there, it's a controlled environment," he said.

Stabile has performed other services, too, including a time on boat patrol along the Euphrates River when his unit was stationed in an old power plant about an hour south of Baghdad.

He's been relatively unscathed during his time in the war-torn land, too. He's wearing a cut on his forehead now, but he earned that in the basement of

his Wayne home when he and his friends got together for a bout of extreme wrestling. Stabile won.

He had some close calls, though. Early in his second tour a huge piece of shrapnel landed in a nearby bunk that could've killed him.

"By then we were used to it," he said, "but the new guys were kind of freaked out. After a while you don't pay much attention to it."

Stabile has had plenty of time to watch the interaction between Iraqi citizens and American troops, too. He said the images of the war here in the U.S. are largely just the negative ones. Most Iraqis, he said, are generally indifferent to the troops.

"Some people do really like us there, I've seen it," he said. "Most of them don't care whether we live or die."



Anthony Stabile, an Army Specialist E-4, is headed back to Fort Hood after two successful tours in Iraq. He will be finished with active service in March.

County commission prepares for 2007

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Members of the Wayne County Commission believe that regional projects like public transit and health care access are just some of the key goals for the 2007-2008 legislative year.

Jewel Ware (D-Detroit), who was elected recently to her third term as chairwoman, said the commission would explore the best practices that are in place across the country to see what innovations can be brought to Wayne County. She said she was grateful for another term at the head of the commission.

"I am truly honored and humbled by my re-election," said Ware. "Being chair of the Wayne County Commission is a huge responsibility and it is one I do not take lightly."

Agenda items will include public transit, a new international border crossing, working with the City of Detroit to improve Cobo Hall and, working with the state and city to improve access to health care for the uninsured and under-insured.

"The public has shown a need for (public transit). We're trying to tie in other organizations with the

"We need to reorganize how we provide health care access."

Jewel Ware

city and state to set-up a working task force to really get involved," Ware said. "We're also looking into continuously working closely with those communities and partnerships for regional projects."

While we must support regional efforts, we cannot lose site of our key function, which is making certain Wayne County delivers mandated services like public safety and criminal justice."

Health care access, she said, has been a great disappointment.

"As you know the executive branches came together with the Wayne County Health Authority and to date, the authority has done poorly," Ware said. "We need to reorganize how we provide health care access. One concept is to find resources for doctors to operate clinics in the neighborhoods for people."

Ware said originally the county took care of people without health insurance and, at one time even had a county general hospital to send people.

"The need is greater than money," she said.

Locally, Commissioner Kevin McNamara (D-Canton) said it's about minimizing the hurt and maximizing the help.

"I have to vote to improve measures in all districts so now I'm drafting a community advisory board and all the township and city officials have agreed to join," he said.

District 11, which covers Wayne, Canton Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, will see several new initiatives. In Belleville, McNamara said maintaining and protecting lake funds will be important, while in Wayne the senior hot lunch program will be expanded and the regional economic development plan will be re-opened for economic development areas and industries to gain funds, he said.

"We're starting to begin a tour around the communities to make sure we build a closer repore," said McNamara.

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THE SCENE

CHILDREN OF MEN

Futuristic film proves a breed above the rest

It is difficult to define what makes a great movie great.

It has to be simultaneously artistic and entertaining all the while supplying a significant and pragmatic storyline—one that will keep viewers thinking long after the theater lights turn on. It must be both powerful and meaningful.

Children of Men, a limited release on Christmas Day and a wide release last week-end, is all of the above and more—easily making it one of the best films of 2006.

Before the Academy Awards turned into a popularity contest, this is the type of film that would have garnered serious buzz due to the exceptional direction of Alfonso Cuarón and acting by Clive Owen. Cuarón, one of the brightest directors to come along in many years, crashed onto the scene with his highly acclaimed *Y tu mamá también* and restored faith in the Harry Potter series with *The Prisoner of Azkaban*.

In *Children*, he transforms London into a post apocalyptic anarchist society in the not too distant 2027. Not only is the world nearly without order, it is completely childless due to an infertility defect in the population. England fares better than most nations, though. In turn the country is the prime destination for refugees (“fugees”) from around the globe. And what’s left of the government—one that infuses antidepressants onto the public and supplies households with a suicide drug aptly named *Quietus* with the tag line, “You choose when”—spends time rounding them up and fending off attacks by nationalist sects such as the Fishes.

The story starts Nov. 16, 2027 when the struggling population is stricken with the death of the youngest person alive, Baby Diego, 18 years old.

Minutes after hearing the news, Theo (Owen)—an ex-activist turned cynical bureaucrat—narrowly escapes death when the coffee shop he just visited explodes. Shortly after that he becomes the unlikely center of attention when the Fishes, led by former flame Julian (Julianne Moore), recruit him to



obtain transit papers for a particularly important fugee named Kee, played by newcomer Clare-Hope Ashitey.

Kee is the ‘key’ to the future as she reveals herself as the first pregnant woman in more than 18 years. The simple plan to get Kee out of the country and into the safe hands of a mysterious group called The Human Project quickly dissipates. The turn of events sends Theo, aided by his hippie friend Jasper (played brilliantly by a longhaired Michael Caine), on a dangerous and heroic journey to save Kee and the future of humankind.

The film reaches an emotional pinnacle when the newborn’s crying stops time. It takes the breath away of those on and off the screen.

Cuarón stages some of the best action scenes to date while supplying each frame with enough artistic touch and symbolism (be it through dialogue, background graffiti or names) to make any film reviewer, critic or

connoisseur go goo-goo ga-ga. The original storyline is a breath of fresh air—especially in these trying times in the industry. However, its dark and gritty topic doesn’t have the normal Hollywood sugar coating either. That, along with the lack of back-story and abrupt ending, might make it hard for many moviegoers to swallow.

Fellow moviegoers expressed their dislike for the ending with grunts and groans and by simply saying, “That ending sucked.”

I, too, was initially put off by it but realized that there was no need to delve further. Anything more would have made the movie typical and we learn right from the opening moments that it’s anything but.

Children of Men tackles a deep topic of a world that’s lost its innocence but with brilliant handling of concept and direction it might as well be viewed as the rebirth of filmmaking because it surely is a breed above the rest.



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Short takes

Canton’s chance to shine

Got talent?
Canton Township and Destination Theatre are teaming up to put on “The Canton Follies,” a community-wide talent show with a rock ‘n’ roll theme.

Organizer Patrick Persons said he is searching for local talent to dance, sing and be the master of ceremonies for the event, set for four performances in March.

Planning begins now, though. Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Village Theater for the show.

The concert, subtitled “A Night of Rock ‘n’ Roll,” will feature music from the 1950s through the 1970s. The directors have encouraged local office staffs, basement bands and dance classes to try out, and will work with participants to find the right song, if needed.

Those auditioning for master of ceremonies will be given a short monologue to read.

For more information, contact Patrick Persons at personsp@yahoo.com or visit www.destinationtheatre.org

Auditions schedule

Registration
7-7:30 p.m.

Vocal auditions
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Movement portion
8:30-9:15 p.m.

Master of ceremonies auditions
9:15-10 p.m.

Vocalists should prepare 16 bars of an upbeat song. All are encouraged to stay for the movement portion.

Auditions scheduled for all-ages musical

The Spotlight Players are hosting auditions for *Children of Eden* at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26-27. Those trying out should bring a photo and resume. The group will also host auditions from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 25 for children ages 7-12 at the Curtain Call Dance Studio, located on Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty. The group hopes to cast approximately 30 children for two scenes as animals. The group also plans to cast 10 children for the ensemble at the auditions on Feb. 26-27. For more information, visit <http://www.spotlightplayers.net>, call (734) 480-4945 or e-mail president@spotlightplayers.net

THE SCENE

N'ever mind Film shows classic fairy tales should be left alone

Filmmakers have made great strides in animated films, both visually and in terms of storyline, but you wouldn't know it by watching *Happily N'ever After*.

The film, released last week, has the voice talent of a successful film, but nothing else.

It takes place in the land of fairy tales where a benevolent but unnamed wizard (George Carlin) oversees a gigantic scale that ensures everyone has their happy endings—all the good guys, at least. Pushing the scale toward evil has dramatic effect on Red Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty and the Seven Dwarfs, but if it's properly in the middle everything turns out OK.

When the wizard decides to take a vacation, his assistants Mambo (Andy Dick) and Munk (Wallace Shawn) are left in charge of the scale and the wizard's staff. Predictably, that's when things start to go awry.

Through a series of accidents, the staff finds its way into the wrong hands, in this case Frieda, AKA the evil stepmother from Cinderella. She's voiced by a consistently shrill Sigourney Weaver—who was easier to listen to when she was terrified, being chased by Aliens.

It's up to someone to save the day and put things right and that falls to Cinderella herself (Sarah Michelle Gellar) and Rick (Freddie Prinze, Jr.) a dishwasher from the castle. Cinderella is convinced the only person who can reclaim the staff and vanquish her evil stepmother is the prince, a clueless puffball voiced by Patrick Warburton. Rick, of course, is not so sure. Enter the sight gags, the stilted dialogue and the manic laughter.

The film has few bright spots. The ani-

By
Henry
Spielman

Kid's Corner



This movie was OK. I didn't like it that much but it did have some funny parts.

It's about Cinderella, who has to do all the work. I thought she looked more like a boy than a girl.

I liked the part where Mambo (voiced by Andy Dick) had to pretend to be a rapper to get into the castle. That was funny.

I liked it when the prince (Patrick Warburton) got knocked off his horse. He ran into a big log.

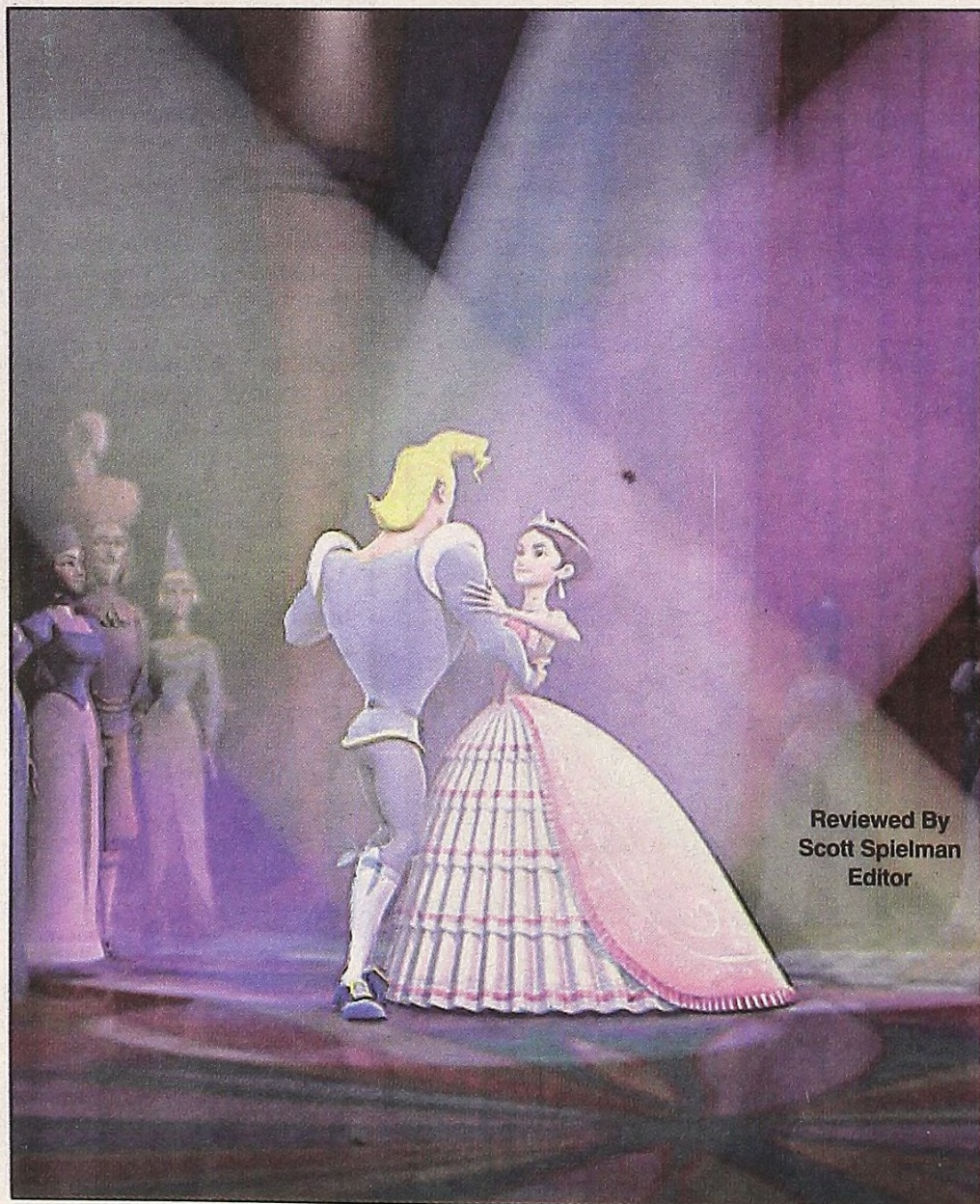
At the end, the stepmother was surrounded by Sea Lions. It looked cold! That was funny, too.

mation isn't up to modern standards—at time it looked as two-dimensional as a classic Tom and Jerry cartoon. The storyline could have been promising, but the script was a yawner for children and bereft of any of the in-jokes that make these kinds of films amusing—or at least halfway interesting—for adults.

There are no surprises along the way, either. Yes, the troupe of misfits manages to save the day.

Cinderella earns her happy ending but, gasp, not with the prince. Freida gets what's coming to her, too, when everything is at last put right.

The question is, why should anyone care?



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Editor



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Area mourns death of Tom Weyand, 73

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Wayne community is mourning the loss of a former long-time city council member who also served in a number of service organizations.

Tom Weyand, who served on the city council for 12 years and was a member of the Wayne Rotary Club, died on Dec. 31 at the age of 73.

"I never knew of anyone who has an unkind word to say about Tom Weyand," said Wayne City Manager John Zech. "He was just a wonderful guy. He'll be missed."

"He enjoyed people, that's the big thing," said his long-time

friend and fellow Rotarian Art Quintal.

Mr. Weyand spent his entire life in the Wayne community. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he was active with the alumni association and the alumni band association. He was active at his church, the First Congregational Church of Wayne, too, serving on the board of trustees.

He earned a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan and worked in the computer field. He helped companies integrate computer technology into their businesses.

Mr. Weyand was an enthusiastic outdoorsman and enjoyed

spending his leisure time in everything from bicycling to hiking, skiing or spending time on his sailboat, the War Chant. He competed in marathons, too.

He was elected to the Wayne City Council in 1979 and served there until 1991. During his last four years, he was the mayor pro tem, serving under long-time mayor Pat Norton. Tom Daly ran the city for all but two years Mr. Weyand served on council.

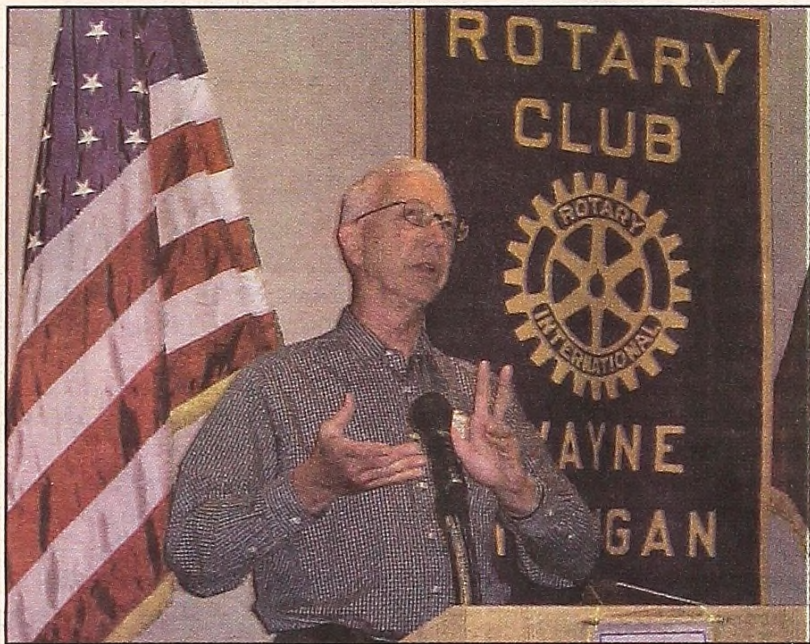
"He was just a first-rate gentleman to work with," said Zech. He

was very open-minded. He always looked for the common good."

Mr. Weyand is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Jim (Diana) Weyand; daughters, Kathryn (Dave) Murphy and Laura (Jan) Drlik; sister, Janet Griffie; grandsons, Henry Weyand and Joe Murphy, and granddaughters, Anne Murphy, Margaret Murphy, Laura Murphy, Molly Drlik, Sara Drlik, and Olivia Drlik.

Visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Uht funeral Home in Westland. There will be a special visitation from 10-11 a.m. at The First Congregational Church in Wayne, with a service following at 11 a.m.

The family has requested memorial offerings be made to the First Congregational Church in Wayne, 2 Town Square, Wayne, MI 48184 in lieu of flowers.



Tom Weyand joined the Wayne Rotary several years ago. He enjoyed attending meetings and being a part of the club.

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SPORTS

Canton Chiefs earn 1st victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs were hungry and determined and they meant business on Friday night.

The Chiefs were still looking for their first victory when they headed to cross-campus rival Salem. Unfortunately for Salem, the Rocks were on the receiving end of the Chiefs' best effort this season—an aggressive game that led to a 52-40 victory—the team's first of the very early campaign.

It wasn't pretty. Canton dismantled the Rocks piece by piece, across the floor, on the boards and on the scoreboard, outscoring them in nearly every frame.

"We didn't come ready to play and Canton did," said Salem Coach Bob Brodie. "They beat us in every phase of the game. There was not one positive thing that I could see happen out there. We didn't block out. We didn't rebound. We didn't play good defense. We weren't running our offense the way we should have."

"Canton just came at us so hard and aggressive and with a lot of determination," he said. "They

came in and it was like a buzz saw. They meant business. They're physical; they're strong; they rebound; they play hard defense and we're not too use to that. They completely dismantled us out there."

Junior Grant Stone opened the scoring with a triple for Salem. It was a promising start, but the Chiefs got a basket underneath from Ryan Waidmann and a jumper from Josh Butler to take the lead. Salem senior Dan Cassidy evened the score, 4-4, splitting a pair from the line. Then it was all Canton—they went on a 13-2 spree to finish out the first quarter.

Canton extended its lead, 26-13, at the halfway point. Salem had a streak of seven consecutive points—including a triple from Cassidy to come within eight, 21-13—but Canton answered with a three from Eric Thornton and a layup from Neil Sharma.

The Chiefs outscored the Rocks, 14-9, in the third session to gain a larger lead, but Salem had some fight left in them to win the fourth quarter. They outscored Canton, 18-12, but it was too little

too late as Canton escaped with the victory.

Coming into the contest, Canton was averaging 23 turnovers a game. Against Salem they only had two by the half and five overall—a key factor in the win.

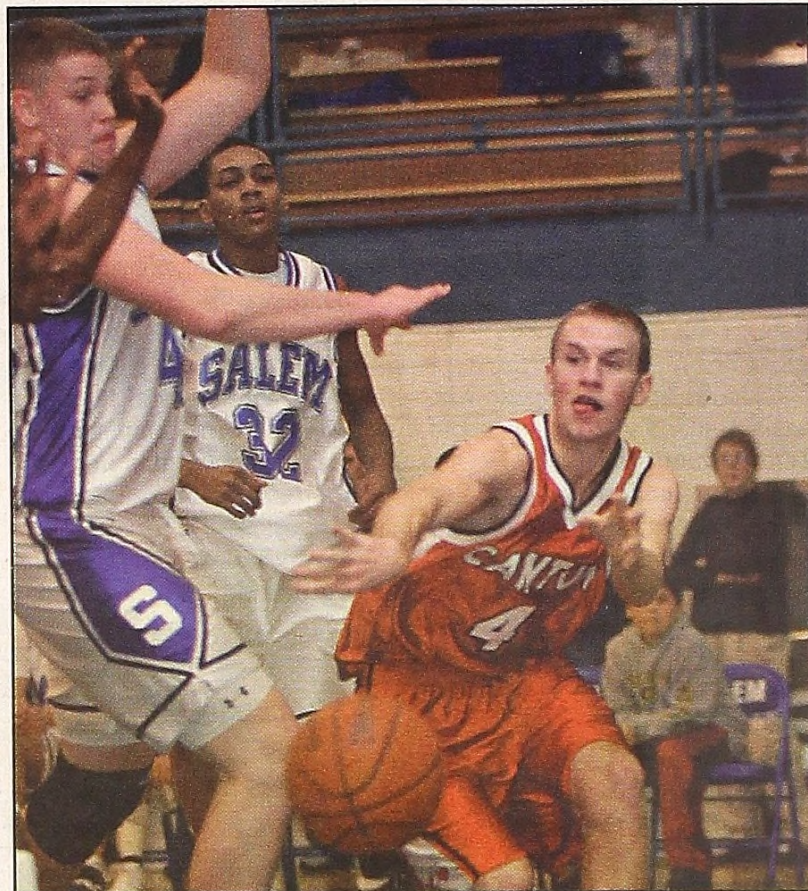
"When you're averaging that many turnovers a game and shooting 39 percent, you're not going to win many games," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "We shot the ball pretty well. We missed some inside stuff but Sharma and Butler gave us good stuff on the outside. (Ryan) Langdon took care of the ball tonight and Boucher gave us some good energy off of the bench, too."

Canton had three players in double figures and two with nine. Sharma led the Chiefs with 13 points. Butler added 11 and Waidmann, 10. Thornton and Steve Paye each scored nine.

Stone led all scorers with 15 for Salem.

The Chiefs are 1-4 as of the win.

"It feels good," Coach Paye said about the first victory. "I did-



Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon moves the ball against Salem defenders Brian Baumgart and Ross Davis (32). Canton won the rivalry match-up, 52-40.

n't think it would take to 2007 to get it. We just hope to keep it going."

Canton is at Stevenson at 7 p.m. on Friday and starts division play against its other cross-cam-

pus rival Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Plymouth.

Salem (2-3) is home against an undefeated Northville team at 7 p.m. on Friday. They host Stevenson at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Northville holds off Churchill, still undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville up, 26-24, at the half.

The last first-half basket appeared to be enough to keep the momentum in Northville's favor. Northville's defense limited the Chargers to just eight points in the third. The Mustangs carried a seven-point lead into the final frame—it was as close as the Chargers would get the rest of the way. The 'Stangs pulled away by as many as eight and Storrs sealed the deal with a steal that led to a slam-dunk at the 1:11 mark.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a win," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher. "We hadn't played in two or two and a half weeks, so we knew it was going to be a dog fight and Churchill did a good job keeping us off of our game."

"We changed things up a little bit and started to rebound—something we didn't do in the first half," he added. "Burke was in foul trouble early and that hurt us rebounding, but he stepped up in the second half."

Northville is 5-0 with a long way to go but Schumacher said he likes what he sees from the team right now.

"The players are unselfish and are getting better at sharing the ball," he said. "We're almost there on defense and we're not as predictable. We're getting more of our stuff in and the kids are understanding it and putting it to use."

After being idle for more than two weeks, the Northville Mustang basketball team managed a 50-42 victory over the Churchill Chargers to remain undefeated, 5-0.

It wasn't pretty, but Northville got the job done. Senior guard Alvin Storrs led the Mustangs with 27 points—13 in the first quarter alone. He had help all around with solid play from junior forward Dan Kirkpatrick, who scored nine in the outing. Senior Bret Spencer and juniors Greg Hasse and Mike Rogers each added four and junior David Burke scored two.

Churchill kept it close—mostly due to the play of junior forward Ryan Rosenick, who scored 20 for the Chargers.

Burke won the opening tip and the team raced to a 17-14 lead on Storrs' 13 points, which included an early triple to put the Mustangs up, 7-2. Rosenick drained a jumper to bring Churchill to within one but Kirkpatrick scored on a twisting baseline move to keep his team ahead.

Rosenick opened the second quarter with two quick baskets to give the Chargers their first lead, 18-17. Northville turnovers kept Churchill in the lead but, with 19 seconds left in the half, Kirkpatrick tipped an inbounds pass, stole the ball and scored with nine seconds left to put



Romulus Athletic Director Mark Woodson (center) presented Romulus alumni and NBA basketball stars with their retired jerseys at the Romulus Winners Circle Basketball Tournament on December 30. (From left) John Long (50); former Romulus Coach Jesse Meriweather; Grant Long (32); former Romulus Coach Al Wilkerson; and Terry Mills (52).

Romulus retires NBA players' jerseys

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus Senior High School was the stage for a momentous occasion last month.

Romulus Athletic Director Mark Woodson and former basketball coaches Jesse Meriweather and Al Wilkerson were on hand to retire three former Eagles' jerseys on December 30 during the Romulus Winners Circle Holiday Basketball tournament.

John Long, Grant Long and Terry Mills—all former NBA players and Romulus graduates—were honored in front of a packed gymnasium when their numbers were retired. Even more special, the three

players aren't just from the same school but from the same family, too. Grant Long and Mills are both nephews of John Long.

At one point all three played in the in the NBA at the same time. Romulus is one of the few schools in the country that can boast such an accomplishment. All three superstars also found their way to the Piston bench at one time in their careers.

The Pistons drafted John Long, Romulus class of 1974, in the second round of the 1978 draft. The 6-foot-5 shooting guard played eight seasons with Detroit and was a part of the 1989 World Champion Detroit Piston team.

Grant Long graduated in 1984 from Romulus and

helped Eastern Michigan University go to its first trip to the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 1988. He also earned the Mid American League Most Valuable Honors the same year. The Miami Heat picked him in the second round in the 1988 draft. He played there for six years before playing a stint in Detroit.

Terry Mills, a 1986 Romulus graduate, was the recipient of the 1986 Michigan Mr. Basketball Award and was the Co-National Palyer of the Year. After Romulus he helped the University of Michigan win the 1989 NCAA basketball championship. The Milwaukee Bucks chose him in the first round of the 1990 draft and also ended up in Detroit for a short time.

SPORTS



A Saginaw shot flies wide past Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth (40) while Whaler Leo Jenner (4) defends against a Saginaw attacker on Saturday. Plymouth loss the game 6-2 but remained at the top of the West Division with two wins during the weekend.
Photo by Ken Garner

Whalers go 2-1 in busy week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers staged a third-period comeback to get by Windsor, 2-1, on Sunday.

The win, regardless of a 6-2 home loss to Saginaw on Saturday kept the Whalers at the top of the West Division—two points ahead of Sarnia and three ahead of Saginaw.

Plymouth also shut out host London, 3-0, on Friday night.

Against Windsor it was Tom Sestito's 25th goal of the season that earned the win for the Whalers.

With the score tied at one in the third period and the Whalers shorthanded, Sestito picked up the puck at center ice and beat Windsor goalie Andrew Engleage with a backhand for the winning score at the 9:05 mark.

Engleage was pulled in the final minutes for an extra shooter, but Plymouth's defense held on for the win.

The Whalers had to battle from behind to tie the game. The Spitfires took an early lead when Mickey Renaud scored a shorthanded goal at 3:01 of the period. Renaud's shot from the lower rim of the right circle beat Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith.

Plymouth got things going in the second, out shooting Windsor, 21-6, but Engleage stopped them all.

It wasn't until 5:16 of the third frame that Plymouth could get anything by the goalie. Vern Cooper tied the game when he tipped Wes Cunningham's low shot past Engleage. That set the stage for Sestito's winning goal.

Smith stopped 27-of-28 Windsor shots for his 12th win of the season.

With the victory, Plymouth remains in first place in the cramped West Division with a 26-11-1-2 record, good for 55 points. Sarnia won Sunday afternoon, 8-3, over Toronto and moved into second place (24-11-2-3). Saginaw lost Sunday, 4-2, against London, moving them down to third place with a record of 25-13-0-2.

Northville has one more crossover game at Salem at 7 p.m. tomorrow before starting division play at home against a quickly improving Wayne Memorial team at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Then there are teams like a scrappy Franklin, Plymouth, Walled Lake Western and a tough Canton team before starting the cycle over against with Wayne in February.

Mustangs

FROM PAGE 10

Of course the season rarely gets easier for teams and, after going undefeated 20-0 in the regular season last year, the Mustangs have large target on their backs.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL, HELD DECEMBER 27, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tern Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-412

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 11, 2006.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-413

4A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution on the passing of Former President Gerald R. Ford. Same to be forwarded to the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-414

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Administration in accordance with the criteria of Section 13 (7) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951, adopt a resolution naming Thomas Wilson, DPW Director, as the Street Administrator for the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. No Action Taken.

6A. No Action Taken - Informational only.

06-415

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with the request of the administration and schedule an Executive Session on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174 for the purpose of discussing pending contract negotiations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-416

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-24 in the grand total amount of Seven Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$794,654.22).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 27, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: January 11, 2007

SPORTS

Apple keeps Blast away Ignition forward scores 2 goals at Baltimore

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Detroit Ignition proved that an apple a day could keep the Blast away.

Forward Mike Apple scored two goals to blast past defending Major Indoor Soccer League champs Baltimore Blast, 6-4, on Saturday.

The battle went back and forth in Baltimore and, after Apple scored two consecutive goals to keep the Ignition in the game, forward Carlos Farias knocked in the winning tally at the 14:08 mark of the fourth quarter.

The result was Detroit's second straight win—their fourth in five games—and boosted Detroit over the .500-mark to a 7-6 overall record. It also handed the Blast its first regular season loss at home since March 24, 2006.

Detroit battled back from deficits twice before Farias' winning goal.

Jonathan Steele opened up the night's scoring with the only goal of the first frame. The two-point goal gave the Blast an early 2-0 advantage.

The Ignition responded at the 5:42 mark of the second quarter with a two-point goal from Apple—his sixth goal of the year—to tie the contest at 2. Then Lee Tschantret put the Blast back in control with a two-point goal that snuck past Ignition net-minder Sanaldo to give Baltimore the 4-2 advantage at 11:17.

After a scoreless third quarter, Apple scored his second two-pointer of the contest at 8:39 of the fourth quarter to tie the game, 4-4. Farias found the back of the net

with a two-pointer at 14:08 to put the game away.

Sanaldo stopped 16 of 18 shots faced to earn the win in net for the Ignition.

The Ignition also defeated the Chicago Storm, 24-14, at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township on Friday night.

Defender Droo Callahan tallied the game-winning goal, a three-pointer, at 6:16 of the fourth quarter of play. The Ignition established a well-balanced attack with nine players registering points.

The Storm struck first with a two-point score from forward Chris Handsor at 2:04 of the opening frame of play to give Chicago the 2-0 lead. Awadalla Morad kept the Storm's offensive going with a two-point goal at 6:59 and Jorge Valle's two-pointer upped Chicago's advantage to 6-0 at 8:33.

The Ignition got on the board with a two-point power play goal from Apple, assisted by the League's leading scorer, Jamar Beasley, just 13 seconds into play to cut the Storm lead down to 6-2.

Hewerton Moreira followed up with another Ignition two-pointer at 1:50 to cut the Storm's advantage to 6-4. Then Ignition midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos evened the board with a two-point goal at 3:23. The Storm responded with a two-point, restart goal from defender Fabinho at 7:47, putting Chicago back in front, 8-6. Carlos Farias tied the game for the Ignition with a two-point power play tally past goalkeeper Jim Larkin at 13:48 to end the first-half scoring.

Rookie forward Worteh Sampson



Detroit's Jamar Beasley works the ball against Chicago's Gaston Pernia in the Ignition's 24-14 home win on Friday night. Photo by Ken Garner

struck quickly for Detroit with a two-pointer at 2:21 of the third quarter to give the Ignition their first lead of the night at 10-8. Chicago countered with a two-point power play score from Matthew Stewart at the end of the third quarter.

Then the fourth broke wide open. Chicago started the scoring in the final frame with a two-point goal from defender Randy Soderman at 1:31. That put the Storm back in control, 12-10. It didn't take long for the Ignition to respond. The team went on a 14-2 spree to put the game away.

Novi Marojevic started the route with a penalty kick to even the game at 12 and,

just 36 seconds later, Selaidopoulos tallied another two-point goal. Callahan and Hewerton scored consecutive three-point goals to broaden the Ignition lead to 20-12.

The Storm responded with a two-point score from Stewart but it wasn't enough as the Ignition kept coming.

Farias buried another two-point goal into the back of the net and Selaidopoulos scored his third goal of the contest, at 13:14 to close out the 24-14 Ignition victory.

Detroit plays host to the Milwaukee Wave at 7:35 pm on Friday, Jan. 12 for the first half of a home-and-home weekend series.

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1. Obituaries



HALL, Stephen Theron, Sr. 79 of Detroit, MI, died Dec. 15, 2006. He was born Dec. 5, 1927 to Daisy Hawkins in Macon, GA. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was later honorably discharged. He was a Mason in the Inkster chapter. He owned and operated Kwicksies Shoe Repair for many years in Inkster. He loved all sports. He also golfed and bowled, receiving many trophies. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Julia Hall; two daughters, Latoya Hall and Sylvia (William) Jackson of Detroit, MI; one son, Steven (Eleanor) Hall of San Diego, CA; three step-daughters, Barbara Miller, Delacy Jackson and Shirley Green, all of Detroit, MI; one step-son, Dwight Simmons of Detroit, MI; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and a host of cousins, relatives and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home



MORMAN, John L., 67, died Dec. 1, 2006. He was born July 29, 1939 in El Dorado, AR to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Morman. The family moved to Detroit, MI where John received his education. As a young man, he lived in San Francisco, CA where he married and had a daughter. After the marriage dissolved, John returned to Detroit where he met his wife, Melba. John worked in the security field and was also a painter. His greatest pleasures were cooking, western movies and spending time with friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Cassie Morman, and siblings, Earl, Prezell, Eugene, Laurean and Homer. John is survived by his loving wife, Melba; daughter, Charmayne Morman of San Francisco, CA; son, Leslie Wiggins of Detroit, MI; two step-children, Anthony (LeTicia) Warren of Ann Arbor, MI and Simona Miller of Romulus, MI; brother, Eddie (Angela) Morman of Detroit, MI;

three sisters, Cassie (Roosevelt) Williams of Harvey, IL, Ethel Watts of Detroit, MI and Mary (Albert) Treadwell of W. Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Helen (Lee) Bonner-Allen of Inkster, MI and Chantell Morman of Detroit, MI; brother-in-law, Samuel Warren of Inkster, MI; twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a very special nephew, Simon Morman from England and a host of nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery.



NOLEN, Sam, 89, died Dec. 10, 2006. He was born Oct. 10, 1917 to the late Granville and Rosetta Nolen in Prescott, AR. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife Ada, siblings, Jessie, Novella, Willie Mae, James and Eloise. He is survived by four children, Henry, Opal, Charles (Betty) and Jeanette; daughter-in-law, Opal Faye; brother, G.C.; four grandchildren, Rhonda, Byron, Monica and Charles Kenyon, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Jaiden and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Sam met and married Ada Simpson in his native Arkansas, and moved to Michigan in the early 40's. He was a long distance truck driver for, and at the age of 62, retired from Holloway Construction Co. Sam's hobbies included gardening, travel, hunting and attending family gatherings. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who emphasized the values of work and educa-

tion. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terrence McClain officiating. Interment was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.



WILLIAMS, Clarence, Jr., 71 of Inkster, MI, died Dec. 17, 2006 after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 6, 1935 in Wetumpka, AL to the late Clarence Williams, Sr. and Maggie Moon. "Spoon" as he was known by most of his friends, is survived by his devoted wife, Betty; seven step-children, Glenda Bridgeforth, Dorothy Sterling, John Stevenson Jr., Glory Smith, James (Diana) Stevenson, Claudette McReynold and Claude McReynold Jr. all of MI; two aunts, Earnestine Moon of Inkster, MI, and Dera Cooper of Wetumpka, AL; four cousins, John Willis Moon and Felisa (Kerem) Hardy of Inkster, MI, Elaine Lewis of Wetumpka, AL and Betsy (Dennis) Walker of Lansing, MI; eleven step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and many other cousins, relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Hardy Johnson, Sr. officiating.

WILLSEY, Laverne Gordon, age 91 of Westland, died January 4, 2007. He was a retired Detroit Police Sergeant for 25 years. Beloved husband of the late LaVern. Dear father of Donna (Bill) Franklin, Roberta (Conrad Michalski) Warner, Jacquelyn (Jerry) Borg and Ronald (Jennifer) Willsey. Brother of Lorraine Baustert. Grandfather of Steve, Rick and Russ Warner, Sherri Semeleer, Donna Zerral, Doug and

Darren Borg, Daryl and Randy Willsey and Pete Quinn. Great grandfather of 19. Service will be held Monday, 1/8/07 at 1:00 pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday, 1/7/07 from 2-9 pm. Please visit and post a tribute at: uhtfuneralhome.com.

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

61. Misc. Items

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Where does the time go? Seems like just yesterday it was 4704! February 18 marks the start of the 15-day Chinese New Year festival, ushering in lunar year 4705, the Year of the Boar.

It's a perfect opportunity to shake off the winter blues and enjoy the fun and flavors of Chinese cooking. Why not invite friends and family over for a big New Year's feast? And what better way to kick it off than by serving up some crowd-pleasing pork dishes. Choose one of these — Braised Black Bean Pork, Hoisin Glazed Pork or succulent Year-of-the-Boar Ribs. Round out the menu with Crispy Bags of Gold appetizers and a refreshingly light and silky Almond Gel for dessert.

The Secret's in the Sauces

Preparing great tasting Chinese dishes is easier than you might think. The trick is to let high-quality prepared sauces do most of the heavy lifting for you — products like Kikkoman's Black Bean Sauce with Garlic, Hoisin Sauce, Stir-Fry Sauce, Sweet & Sour Sauce, Plum Sauce and Thai Style Chili Sauce. Made with premium ingredients and perfectly balanced for authentic flavor, these sauces can hold their own as the starring flavor ingredient in easy Chinese dishes perfect for New Year's or any time of year.

Create a Mood to Match the Food

Red and gold, symbolizing long life and prosperity, are the traditional colors for Chinese New Year. Set the table and buffet with red tablecloths, or white linens with red runners. Add red and gold accents, such as gold confetti, gold-coin candies, candles and flowers.

Ready to put more fun in your February? A little imagination, a few good recipes and some premium sauces are all it takes to create a Chinese New Year celebration that's anything but "boar-ing." *Gung Hay Fat Choy!* Here's to a year of good fortune, good eating and good times shared with friends and family.

For more Chinese New Year entertaining tips and recipes, download Kikkoman's official Chinese New Year Celebration Guide at kikkoman-usa.com.

Year-of-the-Boar Ribs

- Makes 4 servings
- 2-1/2 pounds pork baby back ribs
 - Salt
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger root
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1 can (20 oz.) lychee in syrup
 - 1 bottle (11.5 oz.) Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce
 - 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
 - 1 red bell pepper, chunked
 - 1 green bell pepper, chunked
 - 1 small onion, chunked

Cut ribs into 1-rib pieces; lightly salt all sides. Brown ribs and ginger together in hot oil in Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium-high heat. Drain lychee; reserve 1/4 cup syrup and stir into pan with sweet & sour sauce and sugar. Turn ribs over to coat with sauce. Cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add bell peppers and onion; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in lychee; heat through.

Almond Gel

- Makes 6 to 8 servings
- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
 - 3 cups Pearl Unsweetened Organic Soymilk
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 1-3/4 teaspoons almond extract
 - 1 can (15 oz.) fruit cocktail in syrup

Sprinkle gelatin over 1/2 cup water in small bowl; let stand 10 minutes to soften. Meanwhile, combine soymilk and sugar in saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until hot and steaming; do not boil. Remove from heat; blend in gelatin and extract. Cool slightly and pour into 8-inch square glass baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight until firm. To serve, cut gel into 1-inch cubes; place in individual bowls and top with fruit cocktail and syrup.

Crispy Bags of Gold

- Makes 60 appetizers
- 3/4 pound ground pork
 - 1/4 cup Kikkoman Stir-Fry Sauce
 - 1/4 cup grated carrot
 - 1/4 cup minced green onions
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 package (12 oz.) refrigerated round wrappers for potstickers and dumplings
 - Vegetable oil for deep-frying
 - 1/2 cup Kikkoman Plum Sauce
 - 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce
 - 1/2 cup Kikkoman Thai Style Chili Sauce

Thoroughly mix pork, stir-fry sauce, carrot, green onions and salt in medium bowl with fork. Working with about 6 wrappers at a time, moisten edges of each circle with water. Place 1 teaspoon pork filling in center of each circle. Pull edges up together, pinching to enclose; tap bottom gently to flatten to resemble drawstring purse. Place on large baking sheet; cover with plastic wrap while filling remaining wrappers. Heat oil in wok or large saucepan over medium-high heat to 380°F. Deep-fry filled wrappers, about 5 to 6 pieces at a time, until brown and crispy. Remove and drain on paper towels; keep warm. Combine plum sauce and sweet & sour sauce. Serve "bags" with plum sauce mixture and Thai style chili sauce.

Hoisin Glazed Pork

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
- 1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup Kikkoman Hoisin Sauce, divided
 - 1/4 cup plus 1/4 teaspoon Kikkoman Soy Sauce, divided
 - 2 pork tenderloins, each about 1 pound
 - 1 tablespoon apple juice
- Combine 1/2 cup hoisin sauce and 1/4 cup soy sauce; pour over pork in large plastic food storage bag. Press air out of bag; close top securely. Let stand 30 minutes. Place pork on rack of broiler pan. Bake in 375°F oven 30 to 35 minutes, or until meat thermometer registers 155°. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Cut across grain into thin slices; place on platter. Meanwhile, blend 1/3 cup hoisin sauce, apple juice and 1/4 teaspoon soy sauce. Just before serving, drizzle sauce over pork slices.

Braised Black Bean Pork

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
- 2 pounds boneless pork shoulder, trimmed
 - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Black Bean Sauce with Garlic, divided
 - 3 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce
 - 2 tablespoons dry sherry
 - 1/2 pound lotus root or 12 canned baby corn ears
 - 1 pound carrots
 - 3/4 pound turnips
 - 1 bunch green onions, cut into 1-inch lengths, separating tops from whites
 - Hot cooked rice

Cut pork into 1-inch cubes; coat lightly with cornstarch. Heat oil in Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium-high heat; add pork and brown on all sides. Stir in 1-1/3 cups water, 1/4 cup black bean sauce, soy sauce and sherry; bring to boil. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Meanwhile, peel lotus root, carrots and turnips; cut into 1-inch chunks. Add lotus root to pork mixture; simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Stir in carrots and turnips; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir in 2 tablespoons black bean sauce, white parts of green onions and corn (if using); simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Add green onion tops; cover and simmer 1 minute longer. Serve over rice.

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